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TAGS: SOPN, OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R.)

SUBJECT:EXCERPTS FROM PRESS COVERAGE OF SALT TALKS
NO. 25
NEW YORK TIMES

(GWERZTMAN STORY SENT SEPTTEL)

JAMES WOOTEN STORY HEADLINED "HEAD OF PENTAGON DOUBTS
SOVIET PACT BEFORE FREEZE ENDS" SUBHEADS -- "BROWN SAYS
ARMS MAY RISE" "AGREEMENT WILL EXPIRE IN OCTOBER --
BRZEZINSKI DEFENDS PLAN THAT VANCE TOOK TO MOSCOW"

LEAD -- "SECDEF BROWN EXPRESSED STRONG DOUBTS TODAY THAT
THE US AND THE USSR COULD REACH AGREEMENT ON A REDUCTION OF
THEIR STRATEGIC ARSENALS BEFORE A CURRENT FREEZE ON STRA-
TEGIC WEAPONS EXPIRED NEXT OCTOBER....ALSO SAID US
DEFENSE SPENDING WOULD INCREASE BY \$2 BILLION ANNUALLY
IF PRESIDENT CARTER ULTIMATELY DECIDED THE RUSSIANS WERE
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NOT NEGOTIATING IN GOOD FAITH AND ORDERED AN ACCELERATION
IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICAN STRATEGIC WEAPONS."

FLORA LEWIS STORY FROM PARIS HEADLINED "NATO ALLIES CALM
ON SOVIET'S REBUFF"

LEAD: THE WESTERN ALLIES HAVE REACTED CALMLY TO THE SOVIET UNIONS REJECTION OF PRESIDENT CARTERS PROPOSAL TO LIMIT STRATEGIC ARMS, EVEN APPLAUDING WHAT SOME SPOKESMEN SAID TODAY WAS PROOF OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION'S DETERMINATION TO BARGAIN "TOUGHLY AND SERIOUSLY. SPOKESMEN...SPEAKING UNOFFICIALLY...ALL STRESSED THE SAME POINT -- THAT THE MOSCOW ENCOUNTERS HAD BEEN "JUST ONE STEP IN A LONG SERIES."

DAVID SHIPLER ARTICLE HEADLINED "US EMBASSY WINS SOVIET GAINS"

LEAD: "...SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO A SERIES OF MEASURES DESIGNED TO MAKE LIFE SOMEWHAT MORE COMFORTABLE FOR AMERICAN DIPLOMATS AND THEIR FAMILIES."

WASHINGTON POST

DON OBERDORFER ARTICLE HEADLINED "BRZEZINSKI:HOPES FOR THE FUTURE"

LEAD: "CALLING IT 'A GIANT STEP' TOWARD ARMS REDUCTION, PRESIDENT CARTER'S NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER YESTERDAY REVEALED NEW DETAILS OF THE U.S. STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION PROPOSAL, WHICH THE SOVIET UNION HAS BLUNTLY REJECTED."

VICTOR COHN ARTICLE HEADLINED "BREZHNEV'S HEALTH, A KEY IN ARMS TALKS, SAID FAILING"
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LEAD: "SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY CHIEF LEONID I. BREZHNEV IS A CHRONICALLY ILL, RAPIDLY AGING MAN WITH A FAILING HEART, SPEECH AND HEARING DIFFICULTIES AND OTHER MEDICAL PROBLEMS OF UNCERTAIN NATURE THAT HINDERED HIM SEVERELY IN MOSCOW THIS WEEK."

ATTRIBUTES INFO TO "WASHINGTON DOCTORS WHO WATCH THE HEALTH OF SOVIET LEADERS." SAYS BREZHNEV'S HEALTH "IS CONSIDERED VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE ARMS NEGOTIATIONS, SINCE IT IS WIDELY BELIEVED THAT HE HAS BEEN STRONGLY COMMITTED TO SIGNING AN AGREEMENT IN WASHINGTON TO CAP HIS CAREER."

DAVID S. BRODER COLUMN ON OP-ED PAGE HEADLINED "WHY CARTER IS 'HANGING TOUGH'"

POINTS:

"JIMMY CARTER IS IN HIS FIRST REAL SQUEEZE." "...HIS
REACTION TO IT -- WHICH IS, IN FACT, REVEALING -- IS
SUMMED UP IN THE PHRASE 'HANG TOUGH'"

CLOSE: "...DELIBERATELY PROVOKING OPPOSITION AND THEN

'HANGING TOUGH' HAS BEEN A WAY OF LIFE FOR JIMMY CARTER,
AND PROBABLY ALWAYS WILL BE.'
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